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1. Which task force instructions did you use in the trial?

a. Accuracy of the instructions.

b. Clarity of the instructions. *Please specify whether this is based on your own assessment or jurors' reaction to the instructions. Jurors' reaction may be assessed based on how often they raised questions.*

3. Comments as to specific instructions, or general categories of instructions.

4. Comments on source material that followed the instructions

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6. Overall, I found the new instructions, compared to BAJI, to be

more accurate_____

about the same _____

less accurate_____

5. Any other comments on the juror instruction project?

Jury Instruction Evaluation Project

Objective

Ascertain whether new juror instructions (1) more accurately reflect the source material, and (2) are easier for the jurors to understand.

Methodology

The accuracy and clarity of the new instructions should be evaluated not only based on juror's reactions, but also on judges' and attorneys' reactions.

Whenever feasible, tests on specific new instructions should be compared against the old ones, which would be given to a group of jurors with similar profiles as defined by such factors as age, race, gender, education, occupation, etc.

Methods of evaluation could be either paper and pencil tests on multiple-choice questions, or through mock trials to assess the reactions of those involved. While the latter occurs in a more natural setting, the former may yield more reliable and objective evaluation results in a more controlled environment.

How does the preliminary pilot in Sas Bernardino County fit into the overall evaluation scheme?

Comments could be used to help draft a more structured survey, or to define specific subjects that need to be explored in a more comprehensive manner.

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